

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have had both Dish and Directv... I prefer Dish but can't currently get it.

Also, ALL of the people I know can't get access to broadband because of local 'restrictions', the cable company and the DSL providers are VERY spotty in this MASSIVELY populated area.

It's highly unfair for COX Communications to be the ONE or any cable company for that matter to be THE one provider... Granted that is what would happen if the satellite companies merge, but that would give the cable companies a DIRECT competitor!

You have my vote FOR the merger!!!  
Give us BROADBAND in ALL areas!

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me a substantial number of local TV channels via satellite in my market area.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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